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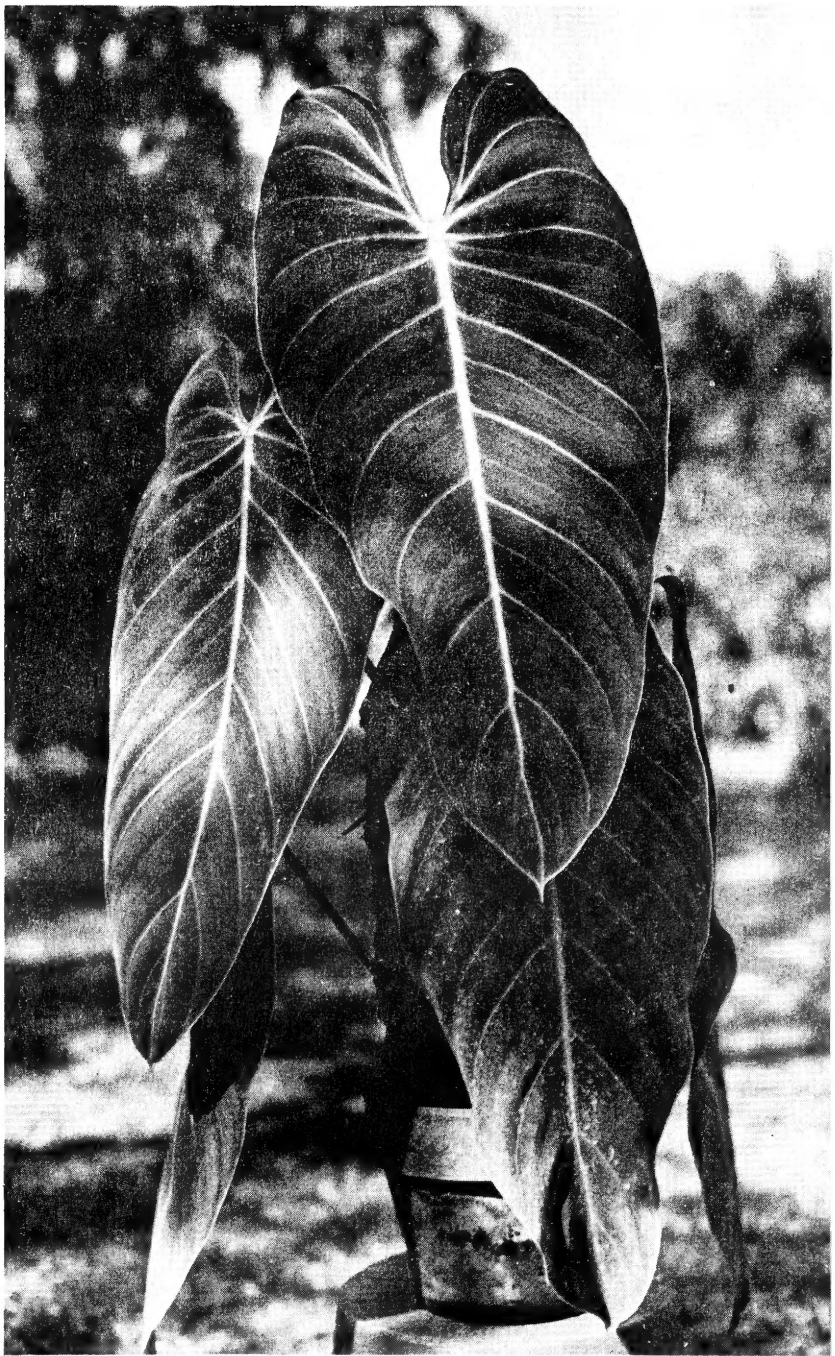
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## RARE PLANT LIST

We are again offering you our list of Rare Tropical Plants. I hope you will be pleased to see so many new and much sought after plants. Although we have mentioned on only a few that stock is limited, actually the stock is quite limited on most items offered, so if you find things you desire, do not wait too long or they will be out of stock.

As much as we would like to, we are unable to answer your many questions about culture, etc. as our staff and our time is very limited. Following is a list of books which can answer any of the questions that may arise - even better than we could.

The Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture and Hortus  
Second by L. H. Bailey  
Tropical Planting and Gardening - L. H. MacMillan  
The Cultivated Aroids - M. R. Birdsey

In most cases the plants we ship are out of 2½" or 3" pots and have been grown to the maximum size for the pot. In some few cases, where the plant is naturally a larger grower, they are from 4" and occasionally 5" pots. You should be prepared to plant them in a larger container when you receive them.

We do not like to ship during cold weather. Our shipping season is normally between May 1st and October 1st. Upon special request, we will ship plants at other seasons, but wish it to be understood that it would be entirely at the buyer's risk.

## GENERAL TERMS

Cash with order. We ship by Prepaid Parcel Post on all orders of \$5.00 or more to any point in the United States. On orders of less than \$5.00, please include 75¢ to cover cost of postage, packing and handling.

In the event that the rumored increase of one third in postal rates becomes effective, we will be unable to absorb this additional expense as we are already handling these plants at a minimum of profit. If this should come about, we will have to ask \$1.00 on orders of less than \$5.00 and an additional 5% of the total cost of the plants on all other orders.

Although we send shipments Parcel Post, we have found that the Special Delivery service of the U.S. Mails is a better method for live plants and we strongly recommend it. If you wish this service, please add 45¢ to your order, or, in the case of increased special delivery rates, the equivalent of this.

Air Mail is, of course, the most satisfactory method but it is expensive; usually 80¢ per pound and a two pound package would be a minimum shipment. Please estimate the amount of the air mail postage and add to your order. Up to three plants usually weigh 2 lbs.; 4 to 15 plants - 2 to 10 lbs.; and over 15 plants over 10 lbs.

We will ship by prepaid Railway Express on orders over \$20. This is a more satisfactory method of shipping than parcel post. Packages are handled more carefully than in the mails and any claim for goods damaged in shipment are taken care of. If you want smaller orders of plants delivered by Railway Express, please tell us and we will send them Express Collect.

We want you to receive your shipment in the best of condition, and we take all possible precautions to ship healthy plants packed in such a way as to avoid any damage in transit. We have had so many customers tell us

how perfect the plants look on arrival, that we are satisfied that our method of packing is hard to improve upon. We feel that our responsibility is ended when we deliver your package to the carrier. But, as mistakes can happen, if on arrival your plants seem damaged because you believe there was some mistake made in packing (not damage due to mishandling or delay by the carrier) write us full details and we will be glad to make proper adjustment if we feel the fault was ours. Most damage is caused by mishandling or delay in transit, and if your order was sent by Railway Express (not Mail) your express agent will help you get an adjustment.

NON WARRANTY - We give no warranty, express or implied, as to the productiveness of any of the plants we sell. Our liability in all instances is limited to the purchase price of the plants.

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### COLOR SLIDES

We have a collection of color slides which is available to Garden Clubs and specialized plant societies. Our extensive collection of plants contains many specimens that are shown in their full glory by this means.

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This list cancels are previous lists of our Rare Plants.

## ARACEAE - THE AROID FAMILY

### ALOCASIA

Very choice plants, grown for their decorative richly colored foliage. They do best potted in loose sphagnum moss in well drained pots. They like organic or soluble fertilizer and constant moisture.

*Alocasia Amazonica* - (*sanderiana* x *Lowi-grandis*) Leaves very dark green, veins sharply defined in white with scalloped white margins. Maroon back. Sm. pl. \$5.00

*Alocasia cuprea* - Large bronze, quilted leaves with under surface deep purple. Medium plant \$5.00

*Alocasia sanderiana* - Striking waxy green scalloped leaves, boldly margined and veined with white. Small plant \$5.00.

*Alocasia chautrieri* - (*cuprea* x *sanderiana*) a hybrid between two of the best *Alocasias*. Small pl. \$5.00

*Alocasia cuculata* - Small plant with small green heart-shaped leaves pointing upward. A neat looking plant. Small plant \$2.00

*Alocasia longiloba* - Large grower with arrow-shaped leaves, veined and margined with white. Medium plant \$4.00

*Alocasia longiloba* x *A. sanderiana* - Similar in growth to *A longiloba*, but colors intensified. Small plant \$5.00

*Alocasia longiloba* x *A. Lowi-Veitchii* - New hybrid, shows lots of variation in the seedlings. Plants have not matured enough to show true character. Will be large-growing type. Small plant \$5.00

*Alocasia Lowi-Veitchii* - Large growing type. Wide arrow-shaped leaves with broad silver veins. Small plant \$7.50

*Alocasia Sedeni* - (*cuprea* x *Lowi-grandis*) Almost as compact in habit as *A. cuprea*. Dark olive green on face with maroon reverse. Small plant \$5.00

*Alocasia Watsoniana* - The largest so far and most outstanding of the colored leaf *Alocasias*. Leaves large, veined with silver on face, maroon back. Stock limited. Small plant \$10.00



## ANTHURIUM

A large genus which contains some of the finest foliage plants as well as flowering types. They are comparatively slow growing plants. Perfect drainage is essential. We recommend using a lot of well placed crock at bottom of pot and a large portion of osmunda chunks with leafmold and charcoal for potting mixture. As the stems with their new roots develop above the pot, cover with strips of osmunda.

*Anthurium andreanum* hybrids - The exotic flowering Anthurium. The waxy flowers last 6 to 8 weeks and come in shades of pink, red, orange and white. These plants develop larger flowers each year as the plant grows larger.

Seedlings to bloom in about a year \$2.00 to \$3.00.  
(Do not specify color of seedlings)

Plants about ready to bloom, our selection \$5.00.

Flowering size plants, in bloom if possible.

We cannot always supply a particular color on short notice, but will send as soon as available.

Pink through rose \$6.00

Bright and dark red 7.50

Orange — white 8.50

*Anthurium bakeri* - A graceful, narrow strap-leaf type grown for its colorful, long lasting red berry clusters. Medium plant \$1.50

*Anthurium caribbeum* - A large growing plant raised for its bold heart-shaped leaves. Stands neglect.

Small plant \$1.50 to \$ 2.50

*Anthurium carneum* (*nymphaefolium* x *andreanum*) - A rare hybrid for those looking for bold foliage as well as colorful flowers, blush through red. Robust plant. Flowering size \$4.50; small plant \$1.50

*Anthurium crystallinum* - An aristocrat, dark velvety green leaves with silvery crystalline veins.

Small plant \$1.25

*Anthurium warocqueanum* - One of the rarest and finest of all foliage plants. Very long narrow heart-shaped leaves with silver veins on a green velvet background. Sm. pl. with leaves 9" to 10" long \$10.00

*Anthurium wrightii* - The "Cow Face" Anthurium. A plant with real character. The broad T shaped leaves are very dark green. Medium plant \$5.00 to \$7.50

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### SPATHIPHYLLUM

A genus of aroids grown for their attractive flowers and dark green leaves. Erroneously called "White Anthuriums". Very easy culture, like lots of moisture and less light than most plants.

*Spathiphyllum clevelandii* (*S. candidum*) - a very desirable house plant which stands dark conditions very well. Many glossy strap leaves, white flowers in the spring. Medium plant \$1.50

*Spathiphyllum floribundum* - True to its name, it flowers constantly with small, velvety white flowers. Never grows large. Small plant \$2.50

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### Miscellaneous AROIDS

*Caladium Humboldtii* (*C. argyrites*) - Miniature Caladium. A very graceful little plant with 3" to 4" bright green leaves heavily splashed with pure white. A neat and very rare type. Medium Plant \$1.50

*Homalomena neo-guineensis* - Patches of white on a medium green background, more dwarf than the Alocasias. Suckers freely. Small plant \$2.50

*Xanthosoma lindeni* - Medium sized arrow-shaped emerald green leaves with prominent white venation. Distinctly different from the Alocasias to which it is related. Medium plant \$10.00  
Small plant after August 1st \$5.00

*Zamioculcas zamiifolia* - A bulbous evergreen aroid from Africa. Looks more like a Cycad than an aroid. Small plant \$2.00

## PHILODENDRON, etc.

The following are choice tropical plants, mostly vines, which are grown for their interesting foliage. They are not very particular as to the kind of soil they like, but a loose, well-aerated soil is the best. These plants hold up quite a long time even if placed some distance from the source of light.

- Philodendron andreaeanum* - This striking rarity has long satiny leaves that are dark olive green. The finest of the genus, leaves grow to 30" long. Small plant \$2.50. Write for prices on larger plants.
- Philodendron gloriosum* - Beautiful satiny dark green heart-shaped leaves with broad white midrib. Small plant \$2.00 to \$3.00
- Philodendron guttiferum* - The very dark green shiny leaves are closely arranged on opposite sides of the stem. Will be very compact as long as it is kept climbing. Small plant \$2.00
- Philodendron cruentum* - Medium-size grower with long narrow leaves, red beneath. Small plant \$1.00
- Philodendron hastatum* x *P. wendlandi* - A hybrid which should make a heavy leafed, almost self-heading type of growth. New and worth trying. Strong seedlings \$1.75
- Philodendron Mamei* - Dark green medium size leaves with silvery gray markings. Very compact grower. Medium plant \$3.50
- Philodendron hastatum variegatum* - Sturdy growing plant. Medium size leaves with golden variegation. Small plant \$2.50
- Philodendron lacineatum* - A small grower with unusual shaped leaves, strongly cut margins. Small plant \$1.25 to \$2.00
- Philodendron sodiroi* - Small heart-shaped leaves with silver gray markings and reddish stems. Sm. pl. \$1.00
- Philodendron squamiferum* - Startling, different. The oddly cut leaves have a red bristly stem. Med. pl. \$2.00
- Philodendron Wendlandi* - An unusual self-heading type, with leaves in an erect rosette. Medium plant \$2.50 to \$3.50

*Monstera deliciosa* (also known as *Philodendron pertusum*)  
Well known but most desirable. Large leaves are  
perforated and slit. Small plant \$2.00 to \$3.50  
*Monstera friedrichstahli* - "Lace Leaf *Monstera*" so  
called from its exceedingly perforated leaves.  
Must climb for best effect. Small plant \$2.50  
*Monstera* sp. - "Shingle Plant" - The round over-lapping  
leaves look almost artificial as they cling so  
closely to their support.  
July delivery. Medium plant \$3.50

*Scindapsus aureus* var. - "Golden Pothos". A superior  
variety with very bright golden yellow variegations.  
Small plant 75¢

*Scindapsus aureus* var. - "Pothos Marble Queen" - Leaves  
creamy white with green markings. Showy.  
Medium plant 75¢

*Scindapsus pictus* var. *argyreus* (*Pothos argyreus*) -  
Small oval satiny dark green leaves with beautiful  
silver markings. A very attractive small climber.  
Small plant 50¢

*Syngonium* sp. - A real miniature. Leaves narrow, heart-  
shaped, dark olive green flecked with silver that  
has a pink cast. Underside maroon. Sm. pl. \$1.00

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#### DIEFFENBACHIA

Erect plants with attractively marked and variegated  
leaves, of easy culture, benefited by extra peat in soil.

*Dieffenbachia amoena* - Large growing, most hardy of the  
diffenbachias. Heavy dark green leaves striped  
with cream. Medium plant \$1.75

*Dieffenbachia barraquiniana* - Dark green leaves spotted  
with white, ivory white petioles.  
Small plant \$2.00

*Dieffenbachia bausei* - Leaves creamy-green, spotted with  
ivory and dark green, bordered dark green.  
Medium plant \$2.00

- Dieffenbachia jenmani - Has many long, very narrow leaves which are closely banded with cream color. Very different and rare. Small plant \$2.50
- Dieffenbachia Memoria Corsi - This is a hybrid dieffenbachia. Leaves overcast with a pattern of gray. Distinct. Small plant \$2.25
- Dieffenbachia oestedi - Leaves dark green with central stripe of white. Stands cold well. Small plant \$1.00
- Dieffenbachia picta - Dark green leaves liberally spotted with cream markings. Small plant 75¢
- Dieffenbachia picta var. Roehrsi - New leaves nearly white with dark green margins. Small plant \$1.00
- Dieffenbachia picta superba - A superior sport from picta. The variegation very much brighter. Small plant \$1.25
- Dieffenbachia pittieri - A rare dieffenbachia, curiously banded leaves that seem to clasp the stem with no petiole. Small plant \$1.00
- Dieffenbachia splendens - Small growing type; beautiful with subtle variegations and a silky sheen. Small plant \$1.25

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- Ficus decora - Related to F. elastica but leaves much rounder and heavier with a bronzy cast. New growth quite reddish. Very superior. Medium plant \$5.00
- Ficus dryrepondtiana - Has large bubbly leaves, green on top with a purplish iridescence beneath. Very rare and beautiful. Small plant \$3.50

## ACANTHACEAE - THE ACANTHUS FAMILY

A family of interesting flowering and foliage shade plants, most of them need frequent watering and regular fertilizing.

### APHELANDRA

The apelandras have fine foliage and very showy four-sided terminal spikes of flowers, mostly with brilliant red or yellow bracts. They are a little difficult to ship as they have a very brittle connection between the leaf and stem. Please do not order them unless you are willing to take a chance on having some of the leaves broken in transit. It seems this is likely to happen, even though we take every precaution in handling and packing them.

*Aphelandra aurantiaca* Roezlii - Leaves silvery green.

Flowers brilliant orange scarlet. Med. Pl. \$2.50

*Aphelandra fascinator* - Leaves small, green spotted with white. Flowers bright yellow. Sm. Pl. \$1.00

*Aphelandra fascinator* - Leaves velvety dark green, beautifully marked with silvery white along midrib and main veins, purplish beneath. Flowers scarlet. Medium plant \$2.50

*Aphelandra squarrosa* var. *Leopoldii* - Larger growing plant than the others. Large bright green shiny leaves with many white veins. The waxy yellow bracted spike is square and lasts many weeks. Medium plant \$5.00

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*Crossandra infundibuliformis* - One of the best plants for blooming in semi-shade, spikes of orange salmon flowers on a low shrub. Small plant \$1.00

*Fittonia argyroneura* - Attractive dwarf grower with green leaves beautifully netted with white veins. Small plant 60¢

*Fittonia verschaffeltii* - Like above but leaves larger and netted with red. Small plant \$1.00

- Jacobinia carnea* - An old favorite with showy pink flowers reminiscent of a pink hyacinth. Sm. pl. 60¢
- Jacobinia velutina* - Like above, but with downy leaves and shell pink flowers. Small plant 75¢
- Jacobinia suberecta* - Soft, silvery gray velvet leaves; of spready habit. Recommended as a hanging basket plant. Flowers scarlet. Small plant. \$1.00
- Stenandrium lindeni* - Wide chartreuse veins on a black-green background. Small bright yellow flowers. Grows like a *Fittonia*. Small plant \$2.00
- Ruellia macrantha* - The beauty of this plant is in its terminal clusters of large (2½") bright rose flowers lined with deeper color in throat. Medium pl. \$1.50

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#### COMMELINACEAE - THE TRADESCANTIA FAMILY

- Dichorisandra thyrsiflora* - An erect plant with a rosette of fleshy pointed leaves at the top of a short stem. Flowers a rich blue. Small plant 75¢
- Dichorisandra warscewiczii* - Eventually makes a very large, erect plant with a wonderful long lasting display of blue flowers. Leaves prettily striped with silver when young. Small plant 75¢
- Geogenanthes species* - A small erect clustering plant. The almost round leaves grow in whorls at top of short stems. The leaves resemble dark green nylon seersucker. Medium plant \$2.50
- Tradescantia regina* - The young stage of this plant has wider silver stripes on the leaves than the above. Makes a very attractive erect growing pot plant. Small plant 75¢

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#### Piperaceae - THE PEPPER FAMILY

##### PEPEROMIA

These are mostly small plants. The larger growing types will grow well in any garden soil, but the smaller ones prefer a gravelly peat mixture, or even better, *osmunda* like orchids. They like moisture but cannot bear

to be in soil that becomes waterlogged. Some small varieties come in handy to cover the pots of tall plants and most of the trailing kinds are beautiful in hanging baskets.

- Peperomia fosteriana* - a stiff trailing plant with striped leaves somewhat like the watermelon *peperomia* but much smaller and pointed. Medium plant 75¢
- Peperomia galiodes* (*P. minima*) - A miniature, bushy plant densely covered with tiny green leaves red underneath, with red stems. Small plant 50¢
- Peperomia incana* - Erect grower with downy, gray leaves. Small plant 75¢
- Peperomia quadrangularis* - Has pairs of penny-size striped leaves on thread-like trailing stems. Sm. pl. 75¢
- Peperomia rotundifolia* - Small rounded glossy leaves, red stems. Medium plant 50¢
- Peperomia sandersii* - "Watermelon *Peperomia*" - Round flat leaves with silver stripes. Small plant 50¢
- Peperomia scandes* - Strong vining type with pointed, heart-shaped leaves. Small plant 50¢
- Peperomia species* - "Red-veined *Peperomia*" - Thick dark green oval leaves with red veins underneath and red stems. Small plant \$1.00
- Peperomia species* - "Club-shaped *Peperomia*" - Oval velvety dark green leaves on a low bushy plant with club-shaped flower heads. A most curious plant. Small plant \$1.00
- Peperomia species* - "Trailing Beauty" - Small, sharply pointed leaves on reddish stems. Makes a nice basket plant. Small plant 60¢
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- Piper magnificum* - Upright growing, large plant with fluted stem. Leaves dark glossy green, red beneath. Very rare and choice. Small plant \$2.50
- Piper ornata* - A vine with almost round, dark green leaves flecked with silver that has a pinkish cast. Medium plant \$1.50



## BERTOLONIA AND SONERILLA

Bertolonias and Sonerillas are very delicate and choice miniature plants for the experienced grower. These plants are small and we will not take any responsibility whatsoever in guaranteeing safe arrival, or survival under your growing conditions. They are little jewels of the plant world and, although we do not experience any great difficulty in growing them, they are slow and considered difficult by many people, and are quite subject to fungus troubles under adverse conditions.

*Bertolonia marmorata* - Leaves olive green with broad silvery white longitudinal bands. Pink flowers.  
Medium plant \$2.50

*Sonerilla margaretaceae* var. *Mme. Baxtaele* - Leaves smooth, densely covered with small pearl spots. Pink flowers. Medium plant \$2.50

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## MEDINILLA

*Medinilla magnifica* - Large arching leaves in opposite pairs. Waxy pink flowers with showy pink bracts in panicles cascading to one foot. To quote Bailey's *Cyclopedia of Horticulture* "*Medinilla magnifica* is one of the most gorgeous tropical plants in cultivation." Small plants \$6.50

## ZINGIBERACEAE - THE GINGER FAMILY

The plants listed all require a moist shady place. They are of easy culture in ordinary garden soil with leafmold or old manure added.

*Alpinia Sanderae* - Plants develop many stems from the ground. Leaves two-ranked, appearing full length of stem, very brightly variegated with white.  
Small plant \$1.50

*Costus melacaulis* - Whorl of dark green oval hairy leaves on short stems. Medium plant \$1.50

*Costus sanguineus* - One of the "Spiral Gingers"  
Leaves a rich, velvety dark green with shiny midrib on top, stem and under side of leaf shiny red.  
Small plant \$1.75

*Kaempferia roscoviana* - The two opposite, beautifully marked iridescent leaves of this plant are stemless and open out flat. A fresh lavender flower opens each day from May to December. Plants dormant in late winter. Medium plant \$1.25

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## MUSACEAE - THE BANANA FAMILY

*Heliconia psitticorum* - A dwarf, mature at three foot, but flowering as smaller plants. Suckers freely and makes a nice pot of growth soon, each stem of which flowers as it matures with a bright orange-red flower. Medium plant \$1.50

*Heliconia metallica* - A short growing *Heliconia* with lovely foliage, dark velvety above with silver midrib, lilac beneath. Small plant \$3.50

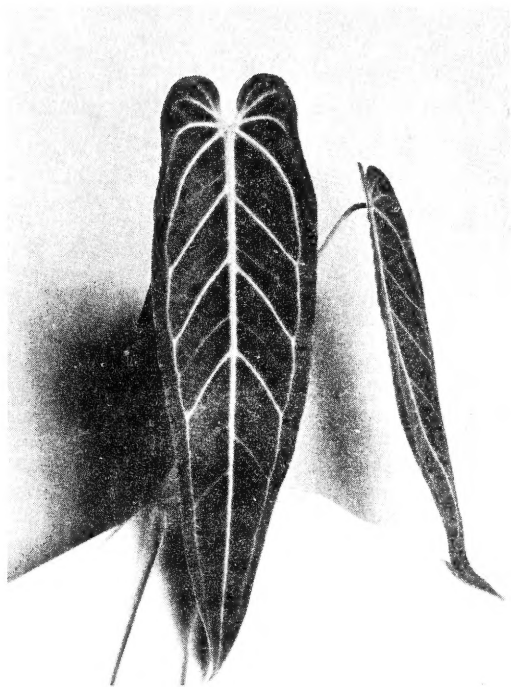
*Musa velutina* - A dwarf banana with upright pink flowers and velvety pink fruits. Matures at three feet.  
Small plant \$1.25

## MISCELLANEOUS FOLIAGE PLANTS

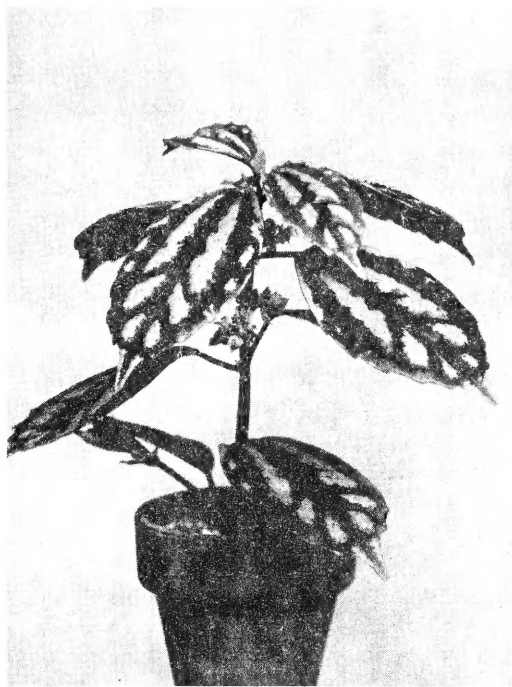
- Carludovica palmata* - Panama Hat Plant - Looks like a palm but isn't. Very attractive house plant, leaves of which are used in making Panama hats.  
Small plants \$1.25
- Hoffmannia refulgens* - Compact, velvety bronze plant. New leaves are wine-red, beautifully corrugated with deeply set nerves. Holds up under less light than many house plants.  
Medium plant \$2.50
- Ledenbergia roseo-aenea* - Leaves bronzy green above and rich rosy purple beneath, giving it a color distinctly of its own.  
Medium plant \$1.50
- Neanthe bella* - Very dwarf palm from dense jungles of Central America. Graceful and very durable, will stand dark conditions well.  
Small plant 50¢
- Pereskia aculeata* var. *Godseffiana* - It's hard to believe this is a cactus with its golden leaves. New leaves and underside of older leaves pink. Unusual.  
Small plant 75¢
- Pilea cadiereri* - Broad green leaves, beautifully barred with silver. Small, upright grower.  
Medium plant 75¢
- Tacca laevis* - This plant could be called "The Cat's Whiskers" because of its many black filaments protruding from the almost black flower bracts. Odd and interesting.  
Medium plant \$1.50
- Zamia skinneri* - Looks more like a Cycad than a *Zamia*, eventually grows into a large plant with gracefully arching fronds and hard, emerald green glossy leaves. Very rare.  
Small plant \$7.50

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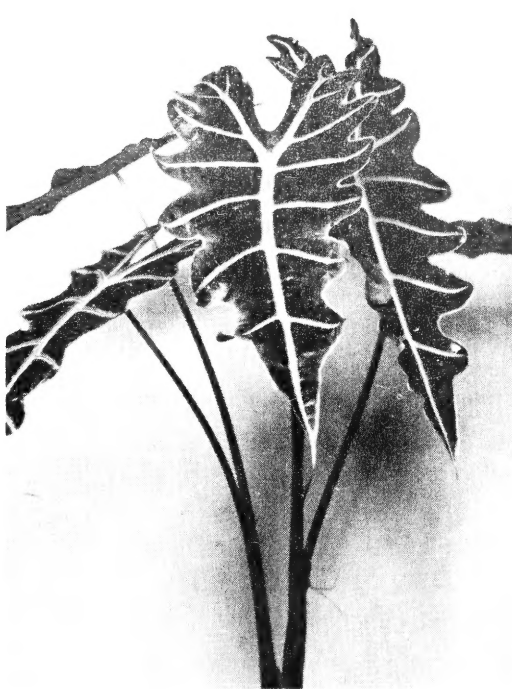
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